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REUTERS TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to the 'China Mail'.)

LONDON, 20th December, 1898.
THE ANNEXATION OF WAKO ISLAND.

Wako Island will be used by the United States for the projected cable between America and the Philippines.

THE TRANSVAAL.

The Post-Office has sent a European has been arrested, and will be imprisoned until his trial.

The Times, discussing the matter, does not expect any serious political trouble to arise from it for the present, but says that it would be idle to shut one's eyes to the chronic dangers due to the present system of Government in the Transvaal.

A CASE OF PLAGUE LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

The S. S. *Admiral* has landed a mild case of plague at Plymouth, and proceeded to London. The patient, who is an officer of the British India S. S. Co., has been isolated.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:
On the 22nd at 11.45. The barometer has fallen slightly and is moderately in defect on the China coast. Pressure is highest over the interior of China, lowest probably to the E. of Japan. Gradients slight on the coast, and in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast: moderate or light N.E. winds; fine.

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The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Mr. George Sheppard Murray to be an Honorary Member of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements.

The N. O. Daily News of the 21st inst. states:—A telegraphic dispatch received yesterday by the local authorities from N. Kinkho outside the Great Wall, reports that General Seng Ching, Commander of the Wuyi Army Corps of 30,000 men, left that city on the 19th inst. for Shanghai, with the bulk of his forces. This has been just in time to meet the Emperor Dowager to the General Seng Ching's headquarters in his grand scheme to surround Peking with a quarter of a million of foreign-equipped troops to oppose invasion from Manchuria or the Gulf.

The Japanese Cabinet has decided (says the *Asahi*) to approve of the project for the raising of a loan for the island of Formosa, amounting to yen 60,000,000, formulated by the Governor-General's Office and the bill to that effect will be introduced in the Diet shortly. According to the project the amount of the proposed loan is to be appropriated as follows:—

Railways in Formosa	30,000,000
Harbour Works	10,000,000
Reorganization	15,000,000
Government buildings	4,000,000
Expenses connected with the Taipei Railway	1,000,000
Total	60,000,000

Orders have been given for the transport *Arcton* to leave Southampton on December 1st with the new 3rd Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, going from Dover to Crete. The vessel will afterwards convey the 2nd Royal Welsh Fusiliers from Crete to Hongkong, the 1st Royal Lancaster from Hongkong to the Straits Settlements; the 1st West Yorkshire from the Straits Settlements to India; the 2nd Highland Lt. Inf. from India to Ceylon; the 1st North Lancashire from Ceylon to South Africa; and the 2nd King's Royal Rifles from South Africa to India, the foregoing voyage ending at Calcutta about the 20th of March. The 7th and 14th Field Batteries of Royal Artillery are to move from Woolwich to Aldershot next Tuesday, and the 4th Field Battery from Shoreham to Woolwich on Wednesday.—*Morning Post*, Nov. 12.

NATIVE DISTURBANCES from Chungking report that the restoration of the hospital and dispensary belonging to American missionaries, which were destroyed last year at King-pi, began some time during the first part of the current month. The people round about Chungking are said to be getting excited and hostile against Christians again, owing to the rumour now current that the attempted arson at the barracks on the night of the 14th ultimo which caused a number of parish-stricken women to commit suicide was the work of a Chungking convert. The high provincial authorities consider the situation so complicated and grave from the risk of further disturbances, that they have been recently considering the desirability of temporarily removing all the converts now inside the walls of Chungking to the South hills near the city, where being in a body the officials will be able to give them better protection for the time being. The converts, however, object strongly to their ejection from Chungking city, and a proclamation will therefore be issued by the Viceroy exhorting them to obey.—*N. O. Daily News*.

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CHRISTMAS AT THE GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL.

The annual Christmas Concert was held in the upper ward of the Government Civil Hospital yesterday afternoon (the 21st), followed by the usual jolly Christmas treat celebration. The hall was nicely decorated with various appropriate notions, strings of pretty lanterns were hung over the stage, and the Christmas tree was gay with coloured candles, flags and the varied gifts for the patients. The Concert was honoured by the presence of H.E. the Governor and Lady Blake, and many of the friends of the Hospital staff. The programme suffered several changes, as one of the pianists, two harpists, and the flautist, were prevented from being present. Mr. A. G. Ward, who is always ready, replaced the intended piano duets by two solos—viz., 'Two Spanish Dances' (Moszkowski), and a 'Mazurka' by J. F. Barnett—which, spite of the short notices, were performed with the taste and precision for which Mr. Ward is so well known. Commander Grafton's flute solo—which was one of the musical treats denied to the audience—was kindly atoned for by Mr. Edwards, of H.M.S. *Powerful*, who sang 'The Laughing Song.' Mrs. Craddock, although taking part in the Christmas cards, did not feel equal to attempting the song set down for her; but Miss Ganser, though obviously suffering from a bad cold, bravely took her place, and sang 'Whisper and I shall hear.' The rest of the programme was carried out as arranged, and included 'The Admiral's Broom,' ably sung by Mr. Lawrence, R.N., and 'In the Merry May Time' was brightly sung by Miss Murray. Bala, who, however, was not up to her usual mark. Mr. Edwards, R.N., gave the amusing song of 'Gossamer's' 'I am tired of the Moon, my Love, and myself,' in a most humorous style. This was followed by a clever rendition of 'Rudyard Kipling's' given in his well-known, effective manner by the Hon. J. E. Pollock. The vocalists 'Friedrich's' was very effectively sung by Mrs. Lawson and Mr. Craddock. Miss Ganser next appeared in the second number of Part II. 'Come to me,' a pretty song beautifully sung. Lieutenant Sheffield, R.N., ably assisted by Lieut. Ganser, W. Y. R., then took into full swing with his accompaniment, 'The Merry Performance,' and concluded with the annual shower of sweets for the youngsters present. Mr. Sheffield and his assistant have thus been able to repeat their kindly help of a year ago. Mr. Ward then sang 'The Owl,' the song of the hummer, and the gift from the island to the Great Wall. I saw the Mother holding 'The First Novel'—very pretty melodies, more effectively rendered by several ladies; and Mr. Ward then played 'God save the Queen' in the singing which the audience heartily joined in. The Christmas tree was decorated with all kinds of toys, and a few of the children were allowed to look at the tree. The Christmas tree was decorated with all kinds of toys, and a few of the children were allowed to look at the tree.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

'THE FLAG IN CANTON.'

To the Editor of the 'China Mail.'

Canton, Dec. 24, 1898.

DEAR SIR,—As a resident in this city of Canton, I was not a little surprised and alarmed by the statement, which appeared in your columns the other night, to the effect that the Plague had been put out in Canton. This was the first news we have heard of the Plague for a considerable time, and it would be interesting to know who is responsible for this assertion. To be able to say that this city has been absolutely free from the Bubonic Plague at any time was the least that could be said in Canton. This was the first news we have heard of the Plague for a considerable time, and it would be interesting to know who is responsible for this assertion. To be able to say that this city has been absolutely free from the Bubonic Plague at any time was the least that could be said in Canton. This was the first news we have heard of the Plague for a considerable time, and it would be interesting to know who is responsible for this assertion. 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